

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, October 4, 2022)

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Members present

Commissioner President James R. Guy
Commissioner Eric Colvin
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Commissioner John E. O'Connor
David Weiskopf, Interim County Administrator
ALisa Casas, Communications Director, Public Information Office

Commissioner President Guy called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 9:02 a.m. in the Chesapeake Building Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

Approval of Consent Agenda

I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Minutes of September 27, 2022, as presented.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner John E. O'Connor.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

2. PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamations were presented for:

- A. National 4-H Week
- B. White Cane Awareness Day
- C. National Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- D. Case Management Recognition Week

3. PUBLIC HEARING

A. DEPARTMENT OF LAND USE AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT - Public Hearing -
Solar Ordinance Text Amendment

Commissioner President Guy opened the public hearing at 9:34 a.m.

Present: William Hunt, Director
John Houser, Assistant County Attorney

Notice of the Public hearing was published in the *Southern Maryland Newspaper*. The public hearing was to receive public comment for an amendment to the St. Mary's County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance for Solar, Major projects in the RPD on properties having prime agricultural soils; farmland of statewide importance soils; or other environmentally sensitive areas when Conditional Use approval is given by the Board of Appeals.

Commissioner President Guy requested David Weiskopf provide the format for the public hearing and open the hearing for public comment.

Comments given by:

James Raley, Leonardtown, MD
Jane Kostenko, California, MD
James Tyler Bell, California, MD
Teresa Wilson, St. Mary's City, MD

Mr. Weiskopf closed the hearing for public comment and noted that the record would remain open for public comment for an additional 7 days. Commissioner President Guy closed the public hearing at 10:00 a.m.

4. MAIN AGENDA ITEM

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Request for Public Hearing - St. Mary's County Public Ethics Ordinance Revisions

I move to authorize the Office of the County Attorney to schedule a morning Public Hearing on October 25, 2022, at a time TBD, for the proposed revisions to the St. Mary's County Public Ethics Ordinance.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR OCTOBER 18 AND 25, 2022. There will be no meeting of the Commissioners on October 11, 2022

B. SHERIFF'S OFFICE - FFY2023 Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant-GOCOPYVS

I move to approve the FFY2023 Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Application, through the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services, in the amount of \$94,000 for the support of the Sheriff's Office Integrating Communication

Assessment and Tactics (ICAT) Training Initiative and authorize the Commissioner President, Sheriff, and Staff to execute the related documents and submit electronically.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

C. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION - Acceptance of three roads into the County Roadway Network

MOTION 1: I move to adopt the Resolution to accept the cul-de-sac of Festoon Court into the St. Mary's County Highway Maintenance System.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

MOTION 2: I move to adopt the Resolution to accept all of Laurel Circle into the St. Mary's County Highway Maintenance System; and to adopt the Ordinance setting a maximum speed and establishing stop intersections for that road of Laurel Preserve North Subdivision.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

MOTION 3: I move to adopt the Resolution to accept Carpenter Lane into the St. Mary's County Highway Maintenance System; and to adopt the Ordinance setting a maximum speed and establishing stop intersection for that road of Charlotte Hall Industrial Subdivision.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

D. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES - FFY2022 State Homeland Security Grant

I move to approve the FFY2022 Sub-Recipient Agreement for the State Homeland Security Grant, Project US2320, from the Department of Homeland Security on behalf of Emergency Services Department in the amount of \$100,582.00, and authorize the Commissioner President to execute the related documents.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

6. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events attended over the past week and provided general comments.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

I move to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing Personnel.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

7. CLOSED SESSION

A. PERSONNEL

Present: James R. Guy, President
Eric Colvin, Commissioner
Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner
Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner
John E. O'Connor, Commissioner
David Weiskopf, Interim County Administrator
Catherine Pratson, Director, Dept. of Human Resources
Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 10:36 a.m. - 10:39 a.m.

Location: Savich Conference Room

Purpose: Salary Request

MOTION IN OPEN SESSION

I move to approve the promotional salary increase for the Deputy Director of Land Use and Growth Management as requested.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Morgan, O'Connor

Not Present at Vote: Commissioner Hewitt

8. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:45 a.m.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on October 18, 2022.

JB
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator